

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims in the application to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a plant polypeptide gene capable of controlling leaf shapes, the polynucleotide encoding an amino acid sequence from Met at position 1 to Val at position 690 of SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~in the SEQUENCE LISTING, including any polynucleotide encoding an amino acid sequence in which one or more amino acids are deleted, substituted or added to the amino acid sequence.~~

2. (Amended) The A polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein said plant polynucleotide is capable of controlling leaf shape by altering at least one of the leaf length and leaf width ~~derived from rice.~~

3. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a plant polypeptide capable of controlling leaf shape, wherein the polynucleotide has a base sequence according to claim 1 as represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 in the SEQUENCE LISTING.

4. (New) The isolated polynucleotide according to claim 3, wherein said plant polynucleotide is capable of controlling leaf shape by altering at least one of the leaf length and leaf width.